

Amendments to the Specification

Please cancel the amendment previously requested in the Reply mailed
5 September 27, 2002, to the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 14 and ending on
page 10, line 18. Please replace that paragraph by the following new paragraph.

— — The amount of the polymeric thickener preferably used varies with the application.
The polymeric thickener should be used in an amount sufficient to thicken the
10 composition to the desired thickness, for example 0.1 to 12% by weight based on the
oil, or 2-10% by weight based on the composition. It is usually unnecessary for the
EI amount of the thickener to be more than 10% by weight based on the weight of the oil.
Smaller amounts such as 2 to 7%, based on the weight of the oil in compositions which
are free of water, and 0.5 to 5%, based on the weight of the composition in water-in-oil
15 emulsions, are often effective. — —
